



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/732,787

Group Art Unit: 2833

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For: WATERPROOFING APPARATUS FOR TERMINAL CONNECTING PORTION OF SHEATHED WIRE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment is for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of Application No. 09/732,787 filed December 11, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. (Amended) The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein the fusiform molded portion has a plurality of parallel alternate concave grooves and convex ribs formed thereon in a direction parallel to a direction that the sheathed wire extends from the fusiform molded portion.